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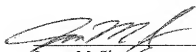
REMARKS

The specification of this application has been amended to include the priority claim to the international application. Claim 1 has been amended to better point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention, by clarifying that the invention is for maintaining body protein and reducing only the body fat of an animal. No new matter is being added with this Preliminary Amendment. The favorable action on claims 1-5 is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed to be required for the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

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